



Minutes NV COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE	December 7, 2004
TIME	1:30 – 4:00 Pm
LOCATION	2525 South Carson St – Carson City 555 East Washington – Las Vegas
RECORDER	Maggie Thorne

ATTENDANCE

Carson City Members	Present	Las Vegas Members	Present
Terry Savage, Co-Chair, Dept of Information Technology	✓	Jack Staley, Co-Chair LV Valley Water District	✓
Robert Chisel, Dept of Transportation	✓	Dennis Cobb, LV Metro Police Dept	✓
Neil Harris, Elko County Sheriff's Office	✓	Anthony DeMeo, Nye County	✓
Heidi Sakelarios, NV Health Division		Rod Massey, Clark County	
Kay Scherer, Dept of CNR	✓	Ronda Hornbeck, Lincoln Cty	
Major Bob Wideman			
Dan Newell, City of Yerington	✓		
James Johns, Reno Police Dept	✓		
Chris Lake, NV Hospital Association			
Dan Holler, Douglas County			
Pete Menicucci, NV Nat'l Guard			

Staff

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mark Blomstrom, Dept of Information Technology	✓	Gladys Myler, Attorney General's Office	✓
Maggie Thorne, Dept of Information Technology	✓	Dave McTeer Dept of Administration	
Jim Wilson, Clark County/SNACC	✓		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Savage called the meeting to order at 1 :30 pm

II ROLL CALL/MINUTES

The roll call was conducted by Maggie Thorne. Present: 9 members, 0 alternates.

Absent: 7

The minutes from the 11/19/04 were reviewed. **Jim Johns made a motion seconded by Dennis Cobb to approved both minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by to approve the objectives for the Policy Academy Team. Motion carried.

III. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The first half of the Survey Findings and Proposed Plan Directions were presented by Tim Peters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tech/Knowledge, Inc and discussed by the members.

Dennis Cobb recommended that the stats of the survey be looked at in terms of bands – agencies fewer than 100, more than 100, trends. etc. Jim Wilson asked that the responses be validated. Terry asked what big agencies were missing from the responses. Tim Peters indicated that NDOT, DOC, DEM and Highway Patrol were missing, but are being discussed with NDOT.

Jim Johns had a few questions, but first suggested that Tim Peters put page numbers on his powerpoint presentation to make it easier to discuss each slide. Jim further asked (referencing the page entitled Technical Issues – Proprietary Shared Systems) , *based on the existing systems and those planned, why would I need a statewide simplex and a whole new microwave system ?* Tim said *the simplex channels need to be there because from time to time your agency will need to work with people who aren't on your radio system and that's why we need the gateways and shared channels.* Jim said, so we aren't talking about a new system, we are only talking about connecting the other 20% of the State. Tim agreed and Jim said then we need to say that. We need to be more explicit. Jim asked that by stating *build network of VHF-800 Intertied Repeaters State-wide do you mean expanding the existing state shared system or building a new.* Tim said that it would be a separate system. Jim asked why ? Tim said the issue is the folks in the big systems with the embarrassment of riches often say why should we build additional resources but the issue is that for example the folks coming from in from Utah who need to interoperate with the folks in Ely will need a VHF-800 gateway to provide that interoperability – resources coming from San Bernadino will require 800 mutual aid channels. Jim said so we aren't talking a new network, but rather building out the existing infrastructure ? Tim said it would actually be a new network. Terry interrupted and said Jim had a good point. Terry said *there is a phrase he uses from time to time and that is honorable marketing (saying only true things and only things that will help you) and I think someone could make a case calling this a network is a question of interpretation and I think saying we are building a new network would be a marketing nightmare. If one could honestly interpret it as an extension of capability of the existing system, which is the way Terry looks at it, then we should say it that way.* Jim said he understands it that we are only adding some equipment to existing sights. Exactly. Members asked that Tim tabalized the survey results, making it easier to work with.

It was agreed to adjourn and hold off discussion on the Standards-Base Shared Systems section until the January meeting. Terry indicated that on the Agenda he would list the discussion as the P25 Shoot-Out and will recruit some very strong advocates on both sides of that issue so the issues are well represented. Jack Staley asked that Terry make sure that Highway Patrol is represented at the next meeting. It was also agreed that an effort be made to get more public attendance from those who need to be present to voice their opinions.

V PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. Future Meeting: Due to the New Year holiday it was decided to hold the next meeting on January 11, 2005.

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Draft minutes submitted by Maggie Thorne, 12/08/04

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____